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SUBJECT: GATT: TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MULTILATERAL  
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 159293

1. DE MOREL, DIRECTOR OF DREE, TELLS US FRENCH DELEGATION TO  
TOKYO MEETING WILL BE HEADED BY FINANCE AND ECONOMICS MINISTER  
GISCARD D'ESTAING AND WILL INCLUDE DE MOREL HIMSELF; BRUNET,  
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COLLIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, DREE

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA; MOUTON, DEPUTY TO FRENCH  
PERMREP TO EC; AND COLMANT, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA.

2. DE MOREL SAID FRENCH DID NOT EXPECT TO RAISE ANY NEW ISSUES  
AT TOKYO BUT WOULD REAFFIRM PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS ON ISSUES  
ALREADY DISCUSSED. GISCARD'S SPEECH HAD NOT YET BEEN DRAFTED BUT  
DE MOREL SAID THAT HE WOULD STATE A STRONG FRENCH COMMITMENT TO  
AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM; WOULD EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE NE-  
GOTIATIONS WOULD RESULT IN ADOPTION OF MEASURES FOR PROMOTING  
AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM AND FACILITATING EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE;  
AND WOULD VOICE HIS CONCERN THAT THE WORLD NOT SLIP BACKWARD  
TOWARD PROTECTIONISM.

3. ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, DE MOREL EXPECTS THE FRENCH DELEGATION  
TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

A) NEGOTIATING MANDATE. THE FRENCH WILL SAY THAT, WHILE  
THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY THE FORMAL OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS  
AND THE SETTLING OF VARIOUS PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS UNTIL THE MAJOR  
PARTICIPANTS HAD OBTAINED NEGOTIATING MANDATES, IT IS THEIR  
VIEW THAT THERE CAN BE NO SERIOUS BARGAINING OR SUBSTANTIVE  
ISSUES UNTIL AT LEAST THE U.S. AND THE EC ARE  
IN POSSESSION OF NEGOTIATING MANDATES. (DE MOREL STRESSED THAT  
THE EC'S OVERVIEW PAPER WAS NOT A MANDATE.)

B) TRADE-MONETARY LINK. DE MOREL RECALLED THAT THE GOF  
HAD ACQUIESCED IN AN EC POSITION ON THE LINK BETWEEN THE TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS AND PROGRESS IN THE MONETARY REFORM TALKS WHICH  
DID NOT GO AS FAR AS THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE LIKED. HE SAID  
GISCARD WAS PREPARED TO REOPEN THIS QUESTION IF THERE SHOULD  
BE A SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF THE MONETARY SITUATION AT THE  
TIME OF THE TOKYO MEETING. IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO REOPEN  
THE QUESTION, THE GOF WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NOT ONLY THE  
PARITY OF THE DOLLAR BUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE U.S. MONETARY  
AUTHORITIES TO INTERVENE IN THE EXCHANGE MARKET. IN OTHER  
WORDS, THE GOF ATTACHED AS MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE ATTITUDE  
OF THE U.S. AS TO THE ACTUAL RATE OF THE DOLLAR. IN ANY CASE,  
DE MOREL SAID IF THE MONETARY SITUATION CONTINUED TO BE AS  
FAVORABLE AS IT WAS AT THE PRESENT TIME, HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM  
ON THIS SCORE AT TOKYO.

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C. LDC'S. DE MOREL SAID GISCARD WOULD STRONGLY EMPHASIZE  
FRENCH VIEW THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO  
ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE LDC'S.

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